

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Rao et al  
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Customer No. : 38199  
Title : Pantoprazole Multiparticulate Formulations

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2009. A Petition to Extend the time for response from November 7, 2009 to January 7, 2010 is being filed herewith. Kindly amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.